

United States Army Finance and Comptroller School



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United States Army Finance Corps



To Support and Serve!

*The Path To Success Is Here
Just Take It!*

History of the Finance Corps

The U.S. Army Finance Corps originated on 16 June 1775, when the Second Continental Congress introduced a resolution appointing a Paymaster General of the Army. Since that day, the U.S. Army has always provided financial service via Finance personnel who were either organized in separate elements or integrated into existing units of the Army. Paymasters, usually with the rank of Major, had the principal duty of paying Soldiers in the regiments. The Paymaster at Army headquarters computed monthly payrolls in his office and went to the field with his "box" of gold and a military guard. Obviously, payday was not the last day of each month everywhere, but once a routine was established, the Soldiers could expect payday to fall approximately the same day each period.

The Pay Department remained unchanged until 1912, when in a major reorganization, it joined the Quartermaster Corps. During WWI, the Quartermaster Corps expanded to such a degree that it had a difficult time controlling disbursing and logistical activities. In October 1918, Congress authorized the Finance Service and in June 1920, it approved the Finance Department to become a separate branch of the War Department under Brigadier General Herbert M. Lord. Unlike its predecessors, it conducted not only military pay and travel expenses, but also all financial activities of the War Department, including centralized disbursing, auditing, and budgeting.

The Finance Department remained a separate entity until WWII when it joined the office of the Fiscal Director, Army Service Forces. Under this structure, it took on additional responsibilities such as the sale of War Bonds and the promotion of National Service Life Insurance. After the war, the office of the Fiscal Director dissolved and the Finance Department again became an independent Army staff agency. The Army Organization Act of 1950 redesignated the Finance Department as a basic

branch, followed by the activation of the Finance Corps (Regiment) on May 7, 1987. The branch continued to change in accordance with the needs of the Army. In September 2008, the Army merged Branch Code 44 (Finance) and Functional Area 45 (Comptroller) into Branch Code 36 (Financial Management). Multi-functional Finance and Comptroller Professionals that can operate in both the Financial Operations and Comptroller domains are the future as progress has always been an important element of the Corps' history.

Today's Corps has advanced immeasurably over the first Paymaster General Office, not only in size but also in the quality of service provided. Today, our National Service Providers are building sophisticated systems of the future while the U.S. Army Financial Management School trains our military and civilian personnel to operate these systems and work within our five core competencies of Fund the Force, Banking and Disbursing, Pay support, Accounting Support and Cost Management, and Management Internal Controls. These organizations, together with the many units in the field, work hard "To Support and Serve" both the U.S. Army and our great Nation.

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Career Progression Path

Training Opportunities

Key Developmental Assignments*

Other Broadening Assignments*

Basic Officer Leader Course



- ◆ **Basic Officer Leader Course**
- ◆ Basic Business Analytics Course
- ◆ Intro to Enterprise Resource Planning
- ◆ FM Level I Certification

0-4 yrs

- Financial Management Support Detachment Disbursing Officer
- Deputy Special Operations Force Group/Regiment Comptroller
- Financial Management Support Center Accounting Officer/Auditor
- Chief Commercial Vendor Services

- Battalion/Brigade/Division Staff
- Aide-De-Camp
- Financial Management Support Center Policy Officer
- Company Executive Officer (O1A)

This 12-week course, at Fort Jackson, South Carolina, provides new Finance Corps lieutenants the military leadership and technical training necessary to perform duties in their initial assignments. Attendance at BOLC will prepare you to function effectively as an officer in the United States Army and as a Finance and Comptroller Professional. You will follow a strict course curriculum, which includes classes in leadership, professional development, counseling, Financial and Comptroller technical and tactical skills. You will also participate in a one-week field training exercise, the culmination of all your BOLC instruction that validates your ability to perform Finance and Comptroller skills in a tactical environment as part of Large-Scale Combat Operations in Multi-Domain Operations (MDO).



- ◆ **Captain Career Course**
- ◆ Enterprise Resource Planning With SAP TERP10 Course
- ◆ Advanced Business Analytics Course
- ◆ Defense Comptrollership Program
- ◆ Training With the Industry
- ◆ FM Level II Certification

4-11 yrs

- Financial Management Support Detachment Commander
- Company Commander (90A/O1A)
- Brigade S-8/Comptroller
- Budget Officer (Brigade/2-Star/3-Star Commands)
- Financial Management Support Unit Executive Officer

- Financial Management Support Unit Disbursing Officer
- Service School Instructor
- G-8 Budget/Program Analyst
- Aide-De-Camp
- Special Troops Battalion Operations Officer

Lieutenant Assignments

As a Finance and Comptroller professional, you will be a leader, and a manager of public funds. You will have a variety of challenging assignments that will require you to use your tactical skills, technical knowledge, and leadership abilities to accomplish your mission.

11-17 yrs

- ◆ **Intermediate Level Education**
- ◆ Advanced Civil Schooling
- ◆ Enterprise Resource Planning With SAP TERP10 Course
- ◆ Advanced Business Analytics Course
- ◆ Defense Comptrollership Program
- ◆ FM Level II Certification

- Financial Management Support Unit Commander
- Financial Management Support Center Banking Officer
- Battalion Executive Officer (90A/O1A)
- 2-Star Command Deputy G-8/Comptroller
- 3-Star Command Budget Officer
- Support Operations Officer

- Inspector General
- Service School Instructor
- Training/Combat Development Officer
- Office of Chief Legislative Liaison (OCLL) for Budget/ASA (FM&C) Budget Liaison Officer
- Program Evaluation Groups

Nominative Programs & Opportunities for Financial and Comptroller Officers

- *Army Congressional Fellowship*
- *Asia-Pacific Center for Securities Fellowship*
- *Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency*
- *General Wayne A. Downing Scholarship*
- *Harvard Strategist Program*
- *White House Fellowship*
- *MG (R) James M. Wright MBA Program*
- *CGSC Interagency Broadening Fellowship*



17-21 yrs

- ◆ **Senior Service College**
- ◆ Fellowship
- ◆ Executive Data Analytics & Enterprise Resource Planning Course
- ◆ FM Level III Certification

- Special Troop Battalion Command
- 2-Star Command G-8/Comptroller
- Deputy Corps G-8/Comptroller
- Financial Management Support Center Disbursing Officer

- Brigade Executive Officer (O1A)
- Program Budget Officer
- Financial Management School Director Of Training
- Force Design Chief



21+ yrs

- ◆ **Senior Service College**
- ◆ Fellowship
- ◆ Executive Data Analytics & Enterprise Resource Planning Course
- ◆ FM Level III Certification

- 3-Star Command G8/Comptroller
- Sustainment Brigade Commander (90A)
- Financial Management Support Center Director
- U.S. Army Financial Management School Commandant

- Assistant Secretary of the Army Financial Management & Comptroller Executive Officer
- Army Budget Office Chief Operations Forces
- Army Budget Office Current Operations Chief

* Please note that this list is not all-inclusive. To see a comprehensive list of assignment, go to <https://www.milsuite.mil/book/groups/smartbook-dapam-600-3> and search for the Financial Management Branch under Force Sustainment Division

